

REMARKS

Claims 13-21, 23-25, 27, 28, and 31 are pending in the application. Claims 13-20 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to non-elected inventions. Claims 21, 23, 24, and 25 have been amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. Amendments have been made relative to the claims presented in Applicants' response filed May 28, 2002. Withdrawal of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that there are further unresolved issues which would benefit from a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (415) 781-1989.

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